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I write in opposition to the Moneta Divide Project Discharge Permit as presently proposed. As a geologist working in the environmental industry and the oil & gas sector, I am surprised such high levels of dissolved solids and potential unknown flowback fluid constituents are even being considered for discharge to a surface water body. Dilution is not the solution to pollution. Better treatment and management technology is clearly available, and is not that costly relative to the scope of the overall project. Fracturing fluid constituents should be disclosed and monitored. Effluent temperature impacts should be evaluated and mitigated. The wastewater should be treated to meet Class I standards and then piped to Boysen. Thank you for revisiting this project and taking the means necessary to protect our state's most important and lasting economic resource, our clean waters and open spaces.